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For: System and Method for Field  
Upgradeable Switches Built From  
Routing Components

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Examiner: Frank Duong

### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 17, 2004

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2004, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.